

SENATE BILL 1542

By Cohen

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,
Chapter 12, relative to child deaths.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 12, Part 1, is amended by inserting the following as a new, appropriately designated section thereto:

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the grand jury of each county shall investigate every case of sudden, unexplained death of a child, aged twelve (12) and under, which occurs in such county during the period for which the grand jury is empanelled.

(b) For purposes of this section, "sudden death of a child" means the sudden death of a child, aged twelve (12) and under, which remains unexplained after a thorough case investigation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.